

BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

There was a regular meeting of the above referenced subcommittee held on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room #5, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Committee members present were: Deputy Mayor Gamble, Councilors Washington, Neuwirth, DeLorenzo and Rivers

Also present were: Councilor Hypolite, Thom Hooper and India Rodgers, Clerk of Council

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion Regarding the Replacement of existing bus shelters by the Capital Region Council of Governments (CRCOG), CT Transit and the Greater Hartford Transit District (GHTD)

Mr. Thom Hooper, Director of Planning gave a brief background of discussions with CRCOG and CT Transit regarding the replacement of the aging bus shelters in town.

After four years of discussions, some of the bus shelters in town will be outfitted with advertisements. An advertising firm hired by CRCOG and CT Transit will maintain the physical wear and tear items as well as all snow removal. The committee has also discussed reviewing price estimates for solar lighting at the bus shelters.

The five bus shelters listed below have been chosen for this advertising project. There are six remaining bus shelters in town.

- Brown Street – Mountain Avenue
- Mountain Avenue & Bloomfield Avenue
- Park Avenue – Bloomfield Police Department
- Cottage Grove Road – Northwestern Drive
- Blue Hills Avenue – south of the Mobil gas station

It was moved by Councilor Hypolite, seconded by Councilor Neuwirth and voted unanimously to recommend to the full Council the adoption of resolution in support of replacing aging bus shelter in conjunction with CRCOG and CT Transit.

OLD BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Gamble presented a resolution for Town Council endorsement from the Conservation, Energy and Environment Committee (CEEC) for the Bloomfield Greenway – Lower branch the Farmington River that has been designated wild and scenic.

Councilor Neuwirth inquired about a status update regarding Goman & York, Economic Development firm selected by the town to begin work. Mr. Hooper reported that the town and representatives of the firm are in contract negotiations. These negotiations should be finalized in the next few weeks.

Deputy Mayor Gamble shared the latest illustrations of the “Welcome to Bloomfield” signs created by a student the University of Hartford. An invitation will be sent to the student and professor to present the final copy to Council. Mr. Hooper also mentioned that a proposal for site improvements may be presented in the near future as well for Cottage Grove Road and Blue Hills Avenue at the “Wall Street” triangle.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilor DeLorenzo, seconded by Councilor Washington and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.